2006-2007 Goals and Activities of the Women’s Resource Center

1. Executive Summary: This report, created in 2011, is based on information taken from different sources on campus. There is some documentation from the previous full time director who left at the end of Academic year 2006-2007; however there is no formal documentation from 2007-2008 when an interim director was in the position. The interim director did maintain some of the regular programming such as the Brown Bag Lunch series and ensured that the Women’s Resource Center was operational during this period. She also supported the programming of the student group, Women’s Issues Organization.

2. Profile Summary:

2.1 Mission Statement: The mission of the Women’s Resource Center is to provide Loyola women and men with a positive college experience by responding to their needs as gendered human beings and by fostering an environment that is free of sexism and other forms of institutional and individual oppression.

2.2 General Statement: The Women’s Resource Center strives to create a supportive and inclusive campus environment through programming, services, and advocacy. The Center supports the educational mission of Women’s Studies through programming and services: it offers opportunities for students to explore questions and concerns and provides opportunities for intellectual, personal, and professional development and empowerment through programming; it encourages and promotes the interdisciplinary exchange of knowledge about women amongst faculty; and it seeks to include and respond to the needs of staff members.

2006-2007 Programming Goals: Director- Suzanne Dietzel, Ph.D.

1. Develop creative and informative programs that serve Loyola student, faculty and staff and reach out to the community.
2. Work with Institutional Advancement to continue to develop and plan to raise money for the Sr. Fara Impastato lecture series. Attend grant writing workshop and develop agenda for possible grants.
3. Reach out to the College of Business faculty to encourage participation on the committee and the development of cross-listed courses in business. Also encourage course development of a women’s study course in Political Sciences.
4. Update 2003 strategic plan to reflect women’s study committee and director’s current vision for future of WRC and women’s study minor.
5. Continue to work on committees and task forces where it is important to pay attention to women’s issues and where growth of women’s studies minor can be promoted.
6. Get women in sciences program started.
7. Co-sponsor events with campus units (i.e., University Ministry, Student Affairs, and academic departments).
8. Implement grand for New Orleans Campus Consortium Against Violence.
9. Implement a mentoring program.
10. Work with Vice President of Student Affairs on issues important to female students.
11. Work with campus units to develop “Community Room” to serve student mothers, children of employees and new mothers who just returned to work.

4.2 Achievements/Service of Director:

Courses Taught

2006 Fall
WS A100001 INTRO TO WOMENS STUDIES LECT 11 students
WS A499001 Intersectionality in Katrina's Aftermath IND 1 student

2007 Spring
WS A496001 SEMINAR/WORKSHOP IND 1 student
WS A496001 FEMINIST LIT. THEORY THESIS IND 1 student

2007 Summer
SOCIA499001 GENDER AND DEVIANCE IND 1 student

“Edutainment” for Students
Women Director Film Series
F-Work discussion
First Monday Brown Bag Lecture Series

Campus and Community Outreach
- Educated students and community
  - Role of Women in Post-Katrina New Orleans
- New Orleans Campus Consortium Against Violence Grant
- Elected to
  - Board of Metropolitan Center for women and Children
  - Executive Committee of Louisiana Association of Women in Higher Education
- Mentorship program for Loyola University Women Students

Goals for upcoming year: 2007-2008

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3. Work with Vice President of Student Affairs on issues important to female students.
4. Work with campus units to develop “Community Room” to serve student mothers, children of employees and new mothers who just returned to work.
5. Finish work on VAWA Campus Grant and explore ways new policies, procedures and programs can be institutionalized and funded.
6. Enhance women’s leadership initiative through programming. Support student leaders and outreach to community.
7. Be appointed to University wide committee where women’s voices need to be heard.
8. Focus WRC programming on women leadership, faculty and staff issues.
9. Continue to raise awareness of women in the sciences, discuss possibility to get a “Women in Science Program” started at Loyola.

As the director left at the end of academic year 2006-2007, the specific programmatic goals were not pursued in 2007-2008 when an interim director was in place. The VAWA Campus Grant appears to have had an end date around the time she left.